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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**ULRICH GEBHARDT ET AL** :

**SERIAL NO: 09/762,513** : **ART UNIT:**

**FILED: FEBRUARY 8, 2001** : **EXAMINER:**

**FOR: PEM FUEL CELL WITH IMPROVED** :  
**LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE,** :  
**METHOD FOR OPERATING A PEM** :  
**FUEL CELL AND PEM FUEL CELL** :  
**STORAGE BATTERY** :

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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
**Washington, D.C. 20231**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Sir:

It is requested that the time for response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated March 21, 2001, be extended three months until July 21, 2001.

A check in the amount of \$890.00 covering the fee for such extension is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount which may be required by this paper under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-2775. This petition is being submitted in triplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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